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Northwestern State University of Louisiana

Football Centennial Celebration

Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966

President, Northwestern State University

Great news for your alma mater came out of the recent regular session of the Louisiana Legislature as Northwestern State University enters the 2007-2008 academic year at 100 percent funding under the State Appropriations Formula. This brings the university in line with average funding levels among peer institutions in the Southern Regional Education Board states. Being funded at 100 percent of formula means an additional $15.5 million in annual funding to Northwestern. We are grateful to Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and the legislature for making additional funds available to Northwestern and all Louisiana colleges and universities.

This new funding is being used to enhance student services, provide additional student scholarships, increase pay for faculty and staff, perform deferred maintenance on campus facilities and other needs of the university.

This year, more than 20 new faculty are being hired in academic areas across campus. These new faculty will help reduce faculty teaching loads, allow Northwestern to add class sections and reduce the size of many classes.

The university plans to seek approval from the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and the Louisiana Board of Regents for new doctoral, master's and bachelor's programs in the coming months. Northwestern will propose a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and master's degrees in social work, criminal justice and professional science along with a certificate program in higher education. We will also seek permission to begin bachelor's programs in professional communication and unified public safety and administration.

Northwestern received $20 million in the state's capital outlay bill for five projects including $3,480,000 for the extension of South Jefferson Street to the Highway 1 Bypass, $4 million for electrical underground system replacement, $5,325,000 for the demolition and reconstruction of West Caspari Hall and the renovation of East Caspari Hall, $5.6 million for the renovation of Williamson Hall and $1.6 million for upgrades and expansion of the campus fiber optic network.

As a university, we are determined to use this additional funding in a way which will provide the most possible benefit to the people of Louisiana.

Thank you again for all you do to support Northwestern State University.

Dr. Chris Maggio, 1985, 1991

Director of Alumni and Development

My fellow alumni:

This past summer and every year, Northwestern is host to literally thousands of high school students who visit campus to attend cheer and dance camps, athletic clinics, music and auxiliary clinics, academic sessions for accelerated students, and, this year, Boys and Girls State. This provides us with invaluable opportunities to make a good impression on college-bound students and their parents.

Another wonderful source for finding out about outstanding prospective students is through you, our alumni and friends. You may have a grandchild, a neighbor or other special youth that you believe would find personal growth and an outstanding college experience at Northwestern. If this is the case, please take a moment to look at Page 17 of this magazine, where you can provide names and contact information for a prospective student. You can also contact University Recruiting by calling toll free (800) 327-1903 or (318) 357-4503 or by e-mailing recruiting@nsula.edu. Our recruiters will follow up on all referrals to help prospective students explore what Northwestern has to offer, including academic programs and student life opportunities.

As I have stated before, our alumni are our most credible ambassadors. Thank you for all you do to support Northwestern and I hope to see you or hear from you soon.

Cover: The team photo is from the 1923 *Potpourri*. Cover photo is by Gary Hardamon with graphic design by Beth Mann.

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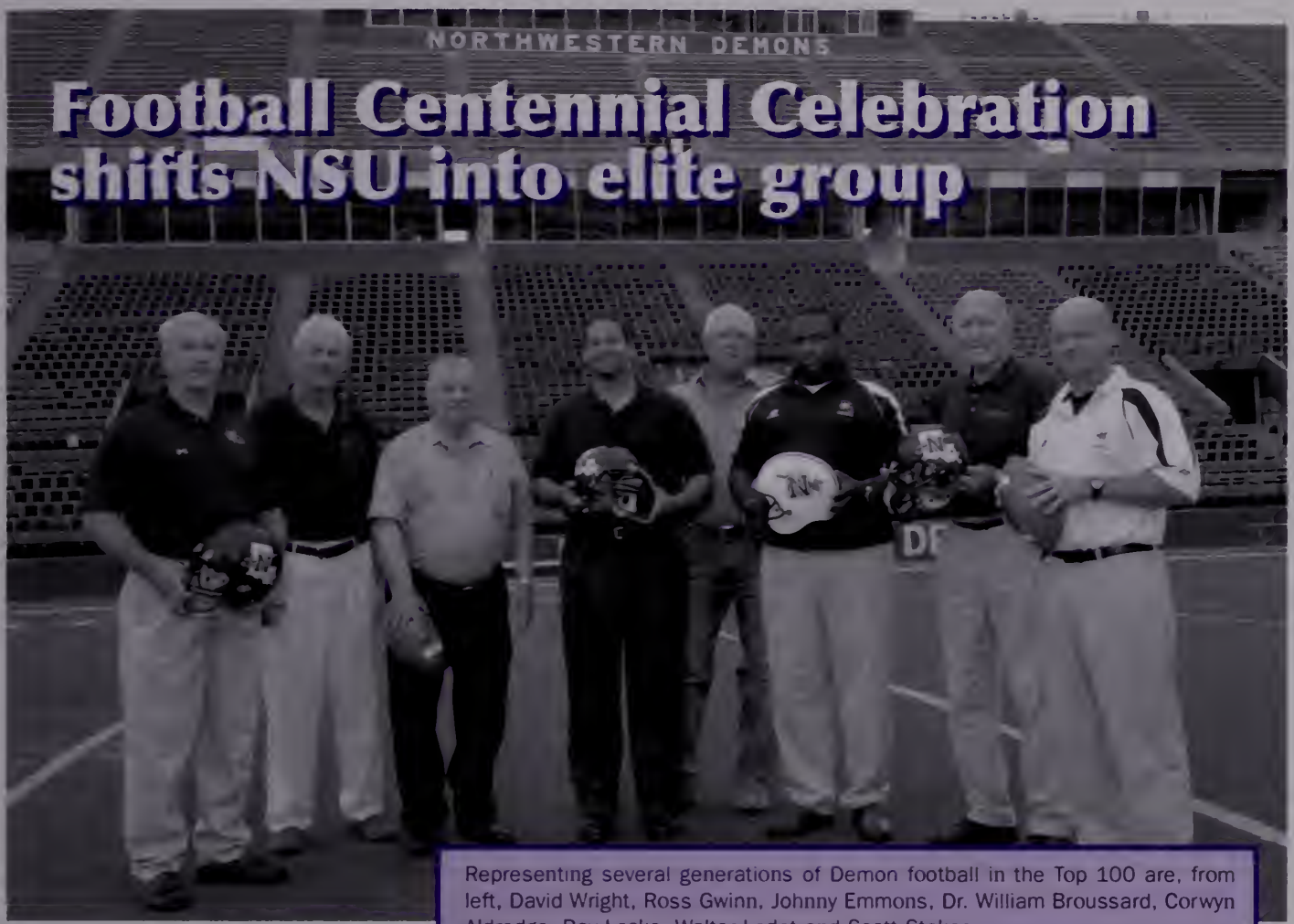
Football Centennial Celebration shifts NSU into elite group



Representing several generations of Demon football in the Top 100 are, from left, David Wright, Ross Gwinn, Johnny Emmons, Dr. William Broussard, Corwyn Aldredge, Roy Locks, Walter Ledet and Scott Stoker.

Florida? Absolutely. *Florida State?* Not quite. *Georgia?* Yes. *Georgia Southern?* Not even close.

Marking the centennial of intercollegiate football competition puts Northwestern State University in a select group of southern universities sponsoring NCAA Division I athletics programs.

Northwestern and The Citadel are celebrating their 100-year anniversaries of football this fall. They will join an exclusive group of 20 universities with Division I programs to have reached that landmark across the Deep South.

In Louisiana, Northwestern steps into a second century of football alongside LSU, Tulane, Louisiana Tech and Louisiana-Lafayette. It was a 1907 contest against Louisiana Polytechnic that was the first for Louisiana State Normal College against another college team, although Normal football teams had competed against picked teams, club teams and city teams in preceding years.

Around the Deep South, the 100-year club includes Texas, Texas A&M, TCU, Baylor, Arkansas, Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Florida, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, Alabama State, and Tennessee-Chattanooga, along with the Louisiana members, according to NCAA records. The nation's oldest Division I football programs are Rutgers and Princeton at 137 years each.

To commemorate joining those select ranks, Northwestern began making plans for the celebration before the end of last basketball season. The decision was made to kick off the official Centennial Celebration on a festive day in its own right, July 4, with the announcement of "The Top 100 Players in Demon Football History." Fan voting conducted in May was a primary component in the selection process, with a committee completing the selections. More than 1,100 ballots were mailed to former Demon players and coaches, while fans

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Centennial Celebration continued

Northwestern State's "Top 100 Players in Demon Football History"

- *As chosen by fan voting with consultation by a blue-ribbon selection committee*
- *Commemorating the 100th anniversary of intercollegiate football competition at NSU*

Corwyn Aldredge (TE, 1962-64); Mike Almond (WR, 1975-78); Butch Ballard (QB, 1973-76); Don Beasley (QB, 1961-64); Arthur "Tank" Berry (DL, 1981-84); Nathan Black (WR, 1998-01); Gordon Boogaerts (LB, 1970-72); Billy Jack Booth (TE, 1956-59); William Broussard (OL, 1996-99); Greg Buckley (OL, 2001-04);

Jerry Burton (DB, 1960-63); Mario Cage (RB, 1971-74); Andre Carron (LB, 1988-91): Tory Collins (DL, 2003-06); Robert Daniel (DL, 1994-98); Joe Delaney (RB, 1977-80); John Dilworth (DB, 1971-74); Al Dodd (DB, 1963-66); Dudley Downing (OL, 1952-54); Derrick Doyle (WR, 2003-06);

Mark Duper (WR, 1980-81); Walter Edler (DL, 1967-70); Al Edwards (WR, 1986-89); Johnny Emmons (ATH, 1948-51); Jerry Fowler (OL, 1959-62); Mike Funches (OL, 1997-98); Larry Gaudet (LB, 1968-71); Mike Green (DB, 1997-99); Warren Griffith (OL, 1976-80); Don Guidry (QB, 1965-68);

Ross Gwinn (OL, 1963-66); Adrian Hardy (DB, 1989-92); Bobby Hebert (QB, 1979-82); Bert Heckel (OL, 1956-59); Charlie Hennigan (WR, 1955-57); Randy Hilliard (DB, 1986-89); Keith Hodnett (K, 1985-88); Dale Hoffpauir (ATH, 1956-59); Derrick Johnese (RB, 2002-04); Donald Johnson (RB, 1969-72);

Jamall Johnson (LB, 2003-04); Jermaine Jones (DB, 1995-98); John King (OL, 1987-90); John Kulakowski (DL, 1984-87); Brad Laird (QB, 1991-95); A.K. "Buddy" Lancaster (ATH, 1948-50); Monte Ledbetter (WR, 1964-65); Walter Ledet (OL, 1934-38); Kevin Lewis (DB, 1985-88); Roy Locks (DL, 1999-02);

Tony Joe Maranto (DB, 1995-97); Clarence Matthews (RB, 1992-95); Gary McCrary (OL, 1968-71); Terrence McGee (DB, 1999-02); James "Red" McNew (ATH, 1953-56); Robert Moore (DB, 1982-85); Ed Moses (LB, 1990-93); Craig Nall (QB, 2001); Greg Necaise (DL, 1989-90); Quintene Newhouse (DL, 2001-04)

and the public were encouraged to vote online through www.nsudemons.com, the university's official athletics website.

The Top 100 list was narrowed down from a group of 230 players nominated by a blue-ribbon panel comprised of former players, coaches and past and present administrators. Credentials required included either first-team all-conference or All-Louisiana recognition, All-America honors, professional football experience, selection to the university's Graduate N Club Hall of Fame for performance as a football player for the Demons, or by being a current or former school record holder or currently ranking in the all-time records. Some players prior to World War II were also on the ballot based on past testimonials from coaches of that era.

"As we expected, the selection process generated a great deal of interest around the state and from NSU supporters around the country. Choosing a 'Top 100' list has been a wonderful way to kick off the celebration of our 100-year football anniversary," said Director of Athletics Greg Burke.

Pro Football Hall of Fame tight end Jackie Smith joined College Football Hall of Fame members Joe Delaney and Gary Reasons on the "Top 100" roster.

Also among the Top 100 roster are nine members of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, eight All-Pro or Pro Bowl participants, and eight Demons who played in the Super Bowl including five who played on winning teams in that game. The Top 100 includes 37 All-Americans, along with dozens of pro football participants, including six who are currently active.

Five players from the unbeaten (9-0) 1966 team made the Top 100: All-America safety Al Dodd, Senior Bowl participant Dick Reding (receiver), quarterback Don Guidry, offensive tackle Ross Gwinn and receiver Al Phillips. All-America tailback Parker Wiggins was the only representative from the 11-0 Demons of 1939.

"This is just an incredible honor," said Gwinn. "You think about 100 years of football and that's what this is really about, not just some of us, but all of us who have ever played or cheered for Northwestern. To be part of something with this kind of history and tradition, that's special."

There are more players whose career ended in the 1980s (20) than any other decade on the list. Included are 18 from the 1990s, 17 from both the 1960s and the current decade, 15 from the 1970s, 10 from the 1950s and just three from earlier years.

The Top 100 list includes players starting with 1923-25 tailback Harry "Rags" Turpin, who was named head coach in 1934 and served in that capacity for a record 22 seasons. It was capped by three players who just completed their Demon football careers last fall: two-time All-America defensive tackle Tory Collins, career receiving leader Derrick Doyle, and three-time first-team All-Southland Conference safety Russ Washington.

Typical of the reaction of the players chosen was this response from quarterback James "Red" McNew, a star quarterback and safety from 1953-56:

"I was lucky enough to have played with an outstanding group and coached by a great staff. Coach Turpin, Coach Ledet and Coach Brown will always have a warm place in my heart .... Thanks to all my former teammates and I know without their help this honor would not have been possible. I accept on their behalf."

The "Top 100 Players" were honored Sept. 1 when Northwestern celebrated the 100th anniversary of its first intercollegiate competition as the 2007 season kicked off with a home contest at Turpin Stadium against Henderson State, where former NSU head coach Sam Goodwin is the director of athletics. Centennial celebration activities are being staged at each 2007 home football game, including the Oct. 27 homecoming contest. The commemoration will wrap up early next year with a "Sam Goodwin Roast" with the school's all-time winningest football coach as the featured guest.

The "Top 100" roster includes 54 offensive players: 16 linemen, 14 running backs, 13 wide receivers, eight quarterbacks and three tight ends. There are 36 defensive players, with 17 defensive backs, 11 linemen and eight linebackers. Four specialists – kickers, punters and returners – made the list along with six players in the "athlete" category because of their versatility and contributions on offense, defense and special teams.

Reasons, All-America from 1981-83, is the only three-time All-America player in school history, and was the first in Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) history. He set school records with 172 tackles as a senior and 394 in his career.

Delaney, who shattered school single-game and career rushing records from 1977-80, won "Rookie of the Year" honors in 1981 for the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. He is the only two-sport All-American in school history, also winning accolades in track and field as a member of the Demons' 1981 NCAA Division 1 champion 4x100 meter relay team. That unit also included two other Top 100 members, receivers Mark Duper and Victor Oatis.

Reasons was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996, with Delaney inducted posthumously a year later.

Smith, a tight end and punter for the Demons from 1959-62, led Northwestern in receiving twice and in punting three years. He played 16 seasons in the NFL, using the speed that made him an outstanding hurdler on the Demons' track team to redefine the tight end's role in pro football, leading to his Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement in 1994.

Smith, Delaney and Reasons are also in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, along with Top 100 choices Duper, Bobby Hebert (quarterback), Charlie Hennigan (receiver), Walter Ledet (guard), Charlie Tolar (running back), and Turpin.

Current Demons' head coach Scott Stoker and defensive line coach Roy Locks made the Top 100 roster. Stoker was a record-breaking quarterback from 1986-89, guiding the 1988 Demons to the Southland Conference title and the playoff quarterfinals. Locks, a four-year starter at defensive end and llinebacker, was a 2002 All-America end for a playoff team.

Six players currently in the NFL are among the Top 100: Pro Bowl kick returner and cornerback Terrence McGee (Buffalo), 9-year veteran cornerback Kenny Wright (Cleveland), 8-year cornerback Mike Green (Seattle), 6-year veteran quarterback Craig Nall (Buffalo), second-year cornerback David Pittman (Baltimore) and Collins, a rookie defensive tackle with Chicago.

The selection committee also named 13 other players as honorary captains, recognizing their remarkable leadership contributions during their days at NSU.

Demons start '07 football season with two home games

NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS 2007 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September	1	Henderson State	Home	6:00
September	8	*Central Arkansas	Home	6:00
September	15	Northeastern	Away	12:30 EST
September	22	Open date		
September	29	Texas Tech	Away	6:00
October	6	*Nicholls State	Away	2:00
October	13	*Southeastern Louisiana	Home	2:30
October	20	*Sam Houston State	Away	2:00
October	27	*Texas State (HOMECOMING)	Home	2:00
November	3	Ole Miss	Away	1:00
November	10	*McNeese State	Away	7:00
November	17	*Stephen F. Austin	Home	2:00

*Southland Conference games
Kickoff times all CST, and are subject to change. Dates subject to change for televised games.
Please visit www.nsudemons.com for updates.

Top 100 Players continued

Vic Nyvall (RB, 1967-69); Victor Oatis (WR, 1979-82); John Wayne Odom (OL, 1960-63); Sammy Joe Odom (LB, 1962-63); Ed Orgeron (DL, 1980-83); Patrick Palmer (WR, 1994-97); Petey Perot (OL, 1975-78); Al Phillips (WR, 1966-69); David Pittman (DB, 2002-05); Mike Pool (QB, 1969-70)

Ronnie Powell (RB, 1997-98); Gary Reasons (LB, 1980-83); Dick Reding (WR, 1963-66); Michael "Red" Richardson (DB, 1981-84); Kurt Rodriguez (LB, 1999-02); Jackie Smith (TE, 1959-62); Marcus Spears (OL, 1991-93); John Stephens (RB, 1984-87); Scott Stoker (QB, 1986-89); Glenn Talbert (ATH, 1961-63);

Bob Tatum (OL, 1951-54); Tony Taylor (RB, 1998-00); Gene Tennison (OL, 1998-01) Keith Thibodeaux (DB, 1993-96); Sidney Thornton (RB, 1973-76); Charlie Tolar (RB, 1956-58); Darryl Toussaint (DB, 1978-80); Floyd Turner (WR, 1985-88); Odessa Turner (WR, 1984-86); Harry "Rags" Turpin (RB, 1925-29);

Randy Walker (P-K, 1970-73); Wayne Walker (P, 1963-65); Richard Ware (RB, 1968-71); Russ Washington (DB, 2003-05); Parker Wiggins (RB, 1937-1940); Ahmad Willis (DL, 1999-02); David Wright (ATH, 1976-79); Kenny Wright (DB, 1996-98); Ferrell Yarbrough (DL, 1958-61); Toby Zeigler (SP, 2002-05).

HONORARY CAPTAINS
(Chosen by the selection committee in recognition of their leadership skills, unselfish team play and positive impact on their teammates during their playing careers)

E.H. Gilson (HB, 1937-40); Grant Crowder (LB, 1994-95); Jerry Epperson (OL, 1951-54); Guy Hedrick (RB, 1990-92); Bill Johnson (OL 1975-78); Lester Latino (LB, 1966-69); Bryant "Red" Lewis (1956-57); Carroll Long (OL, 1965-66); Rob Robertson (FB, 1994-97); Mark Schroeder (RB, 1978-79); Theophile Scott (HB, 1940-42); Carlos Treadway (TE, 1988-92); Earnest "Bama" Wright (1936-39).

Homecoming 2007

Northwestern's Homecoming Festivities will be celebrated Thursday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Oct. 27 with many activities for alumni, visitors and friends.

Thursday, October 25

NSU Retirees Reception
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. — President's Home
Reception for all Northwestern Retirees.

Friday, October 26

Alumni Association Board Meeting
10 a.m., Red River Waterway Commission Building on the Highway 1 Bypass directly across the street from the Mariner's Restaurant Annual Board of Directors meeting open to the public.

Homecoming Golf Tournament
1 p.m. — NSU Recreation Complex
Golfers are invited to participate in the annual golf scramble on the 18-hole golf course for $50 per player (includes golf cart and lunch by Coach Gene Knecht). Tee time is at 1 p.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Reservations can be made by calling Drake Owens at (318) 357-4243 or e-mailing owensd@nsula.edu.

NSU Foundation Board Meeting
1:30 p.m., Red River Waterway Commission Building on the Highway 1 Bypass directly across the street from the Mariner's Restaurant. Open to the public.

Homecoming Parade
5 p.m. (approx.) – Campus/Town Annual Homecoming Parade for both the Northwestern and Natchitoches communities. Begins at Prather Coliseum and ends at the downtown riverbank. A pep rally on the riverbank will follow the parade.

Reception
6-7 p.m. – Student Union Lobby
Honoring Alumni Board, Foundation Board, Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients, Long Purple Line Recipients, N-Club Inductees, and President's Distinguished Service Award Recipient.

Pi Kappa Phi Open House
7 p.m. - Pi Kappa Phi house
All Pi Kappa Phi alumni and their families are invited.

Homecoming Banquet
7 p.m. – Student Union Ballroom
Join us for the annual banquet, as we honor the Long Purple Line Recipients, the President's Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients and the N-Club Inductees. Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased at the Alumni Center or by calling 357-4414 or 1-888-799-6486.
A reception prior to the banquet will be held from 6-7 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union.

Saturday, October 27

College of Education Reunion
8:30 a.m. – Teacher Education Center
All graduates of the College of Education are invited to attend a breakfast that will honor the inductees of the College's Hall of Distinguished Educators. For more information, call the College of Education at (318) 357-6288.

Pi Kappa Phi Alumni meeting
9 a.m. - Pi Kappa Phi house

College of Business Brunch
10 a.m. - noon—Natchitoches Room, Russell Hall
All College of Business alumni are invited to renew old friendships before the game. Inductees into the College's Hall of Distinction will be recognized at approximately 10:30 a.m. and announcements regarding professorships will be made. For more information, call the College of Business at (318) 357-5161.

ROTC Open House
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.– James A. Noe Military Science Building
ROTC alumni are invited to visit the hospitality room at the ROTC building between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, contact Monica Breedlove at 318-357-5157 or email, breedlovem@nsula.edu.

University Bookstore Open
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Student Union
NSU memorabilia and souvenirs will be available for purchase.

N-Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
10:30 a.m. – Magale Recital Hall
For more information, call Gil Gilson at (318) 677-3141 or email Gilson@nsula.edu.

Class of 1957 Homecoming Brunch
11 a.m.– Family & Consumer Science Building, Second Floor.
The brunch is $10 per person. Reservations should be made by Monday, Oct. 15. For more information or to RSVP, contact Virginia Crossno at (318) 357-4108 or (318) 357-8355 or email crossno@nsula.edu.

Alumni Tailgating
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Tailgating Field
The Alumni Association will serve plate lunches for $5 per person. All NSU Alumni are invited to visit the tent for a casual meal with friends and former classmates before the game.

Tailgating Activities
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Tailgating Field adjacent to Turpin Stadium. Various groups, including the Greek organizations, N-Club, and College of Education will be tailgating prior to the football game.

Gymnastics Team Reunion
Noon - 1:30 p.m., Stroud Room, Fieldhouse
Former Gymnastics Team members and their families are invited to participate in a team reunion. For more information, please call the Athletic Department at (318) 357-5251 or email Will Broussard at broussardw@nsula.edu.

Alumni Art Show/Picnic
Noon — Orville Hanchey Gallery
Northwestern State University's School of Creative & Performing Arts, Fine & Graphic Arts Department, will host the 2nd annual alumni exhibit in conjunction with this fall's Homecoming celebra-

Homecoming Activities continued

tion. For more information, call Leslie Gruesbeck at (318) 352-6974 or email gruesbeckl@nsula.edu.

Pregame Activities
1:30 p.m. - Turpin Stadium
Enjoy the pre-game show by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and other game day activities.

Homecoming Game vs. Texas State
2 p.m. – Turpin Stadium

Halftime Ceremonies
3:30 p.m. (approx.) – Turpin Stadium

Postgame Reception for Homecoming Court
5 p.m. (approx.) – Stroud Room in the Athletic Fieldhouse
For more information, call Yonna Pasch at (318) 357-5438 or email paschy@nsula.edu. By invitation only.

N-Club Barbecue
5 p.m. (approx.) – "N" Club Tent at Tailgating Field
For more information, call Gil Gilson at (318) 677-3141 or email at Gilson@nsula.edu.

"Boogie on the Bricks"
7 p.m. (approx.) – Front Street
Join Demon fans in the Historic District for live music, food and dancing as Natchitoches hosts a free street dance and concert.

Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority & Theta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Faternity 35th Reunion
Time and Place TBA
For more information, call either Reginald Jones at (281) 437-2128 or (832) 443-3107 or email at qmudbone@yahoo.com or Brenda Fowler Milner at (318) 652-3107 or email at cruellab@bellsouth.net or Judith Green at (318) 673-6480 or (318) 834-2288 or email at Judith.green@ci.shreveport.la.us.

"Brick Shack" remembered

During a bus tour of the campus during the Class of 1957 reunion last spring, Allen Horton Jr. noted the location of Eugene P. Watson Library and what was missing from that spot: the "Brick Shack," the two-story men's dormitory.

"How could such a pillar of learning now stand almost over where 'The Brick Shack' stood?" he wondered. A partial history from 1956-57 may explain the irony.

"On the second floor of the north wing housed perhaps some of the best friends this Cajun could have ever been around," Horton said. "They were Al, Ted, Peewee, Pig, the Hineston Trio, Bootsie, Kenneth Wayne, Joe, The Old Salt, Bud, Jimmy, Tapper and Elvis's two biggest fans, even before he became a star.

"From this group came at least five coaches, two very successful realtors, a parish school superintendent, two or more school administrators, the president of a major paper operation and a member of the NSU outstanding educators Hall of Fame. We mourn Joe, Kenneth Wayne and Donald, who are continuing to make NSU proud in a better world than this one.

"A book could be written about the pranks, laughs and true school spirit shared amongst us. The trips to Mamma V's for hot tamales and a stop at Maggio's for what we said was 'root beer.' For some strange reason, the administration frowned if this was consumed in the Shack. Many shucks and root beer cans were disposed of in the janitorial container.

"The night of the fire, when Pig and Joe were the heroes, half-asleep Pig made his way down the hall to use the facilities when he noticed strange blinking red lights flickering at one end of the hall where the huge window fan was mounted. Thinking fire, Pig woke up Joe and they went to investigate. Joe, the hall monitor, was not very pleased to be awakened in the first place. He and Pig were less than thrilled to find a blinking road detour barricade in front of the huge window fan, which together made an unusual sight. We proudly continued to give kudos to the two in saving us from 'the fire.'

"Going back to the irony of the library now above ground previously occupied by The Shack brings this thought: many of us never knew where the old library was, much less how to get in and out of it. We think of those who resided here, coming back in whatever spirit they may be, trying to find their old room, winding up in the new library and not being able to get out.

"So, if when using the library at night you may find tamale shucks in the waste containers or see strange blinking lights coming from some dark corner, do not panic. It's just another traditional fun-loving ghost of NSU keeping the campus alive and filled with 'spirit.' Maybe a library wing, room, or hall should be named the Brick Shack to make these ghosts feel more at home. This is dedicated to all who remember the Brick Shack as their second home."

Shreveport Crawfish Boil

Enjoying crawfish and fun were, front row from left, Kay Thompson and Patsy Wilson. On the back row are Tommy Wilson (1975), Tim Thompson (1976) and Jason Everage (2001).

Chris Grisham and Wendy Grisham (2000), Kelle Head (2001, 2005) and Brad Jones (1998) were among the guests at the Shreveport gathering.

Janis Franklin, Marguerite Hudson (1949), Billy Hudson (1948), Gene Haynes (1954) and Earl Haynes (1955) gathered to remember college days at the Shreveport Crawfish Boil.

Buddy Bonnette Memorial Day Golf Scramble

Kerry Lucky, William Hale (1997), NSU Assistant Director of Development Jill Bankston (1997) and Todd Matney competed in the Buddy Bonnette Golf Scramble, above left, as did Dan Poole (1952), Bob Pender (1955, 1960), Len Ponder (1959, 1965) and Dwane Murphy (1957), above right.

Other Golf Scramble teams were Dan Carr (1955, 1958), Harold Collier (1975), T.E. Wall and Jim Reichel, above left, as well as Ryan Todtenbier, Paul Errington, Steven Boyd and Darin Ellet, above right.

25th Annual Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament

Participating in the annual Chris Roper Golf Tournament were, from left, Kenny Clark (1979), Mike Stainback (1979), Danny Clark (1979), David Thompson, Tom Brassell (1979), Jerry Griggs, Gary Griggs and Andy Pyles (1980).

Mary Roper, left, and Rick Roper, right, greeted Allison McCloud, center, the 2007-08 recipient of the Chris Roper Scholarship.

Don Purser Memorial Golf Scramble & Winn Parish Reception

Members of the Don Purser family greeted fellow alumni and guests at the Don Purser Memorial Golf Scramble and dinner in Winnfield. Seated from left are Megan Purser, Donnie Purser, John Jackson (1955, 1970) and Matt Purser. On the back row are Leah Purser, Jane Purser (1949) and Pam Purser.

Jason O'Brien, first recipient of the Don Purser Scholarship, was greeted by Jane Purser (1949).

Adam Daughtry was named winner of the Ted Jones Scholarship for Winnfield. Stephanie Lawrence (2005) Winnfield area recruiter, presented the award.

First place winners in the Don Purser Memorial Golf Scramble were Chad Goins (2000), Jeremy Moore, Steve Johnson and Adam Daughtry.

Second place winners were Bo Files, Kyle Carter, Chuck Weeks and Deano Thorton (1977).

Third place winners were Jack Brittain (1979), Chase Trichell, Brittany Averett, Fred Teresa (1982) and Zack Williams (2004).

Winnfield High School graduates who are attending NSU this fall are, front row from left, Hanah Hailey, Adam Daughtry and Jordan Jurek. On the back row are Kyle McNaughton, Zack Price, and Dr. Randy Webb.

Northwestern State track and cross country competitor Leslie Lambert was presented the prestigious F.L. McDonald postgraduate scholarship presented by the Southland Conference at its annual spring banquet on May 31. The award is presented annually to the female senior student-student athlete who finished her undergraduate career with the highest grade point average among applicants from the SLC's 12 member institutions. Joining Lambert is Athletic Faculty Representative Jody Biscoe, NSU Academic Advisor and Senior Woman's Administrator Julie Lessiter, Director of Athletics Greg Burke and NSU President Dr. Randall Webb.

Dallas Alumni Gathering

Ronnie Wise (1989), Trey Hennigan (2003), Trent Harrell, Jermaine Jones (1998), Assistant Athletic Director Dr. William Broussard (2000) and Al Traylor (2001) were able to catch up during the Dallas alumni gathering.

Matt (2001) and Julie (2003) Casstevens were among the guests at the Dallas gathering.

Monty Montgomery (1956), Susie Branch and Kathy Montgomery enjoyed the fellowship among alumni and guests in Dallas.

Raven Brown (1999), Andrea Bailey (1999), Carmen Peyton (1999), Quincy Perkins, Dawn DeVillier (2002), Katie Caldwell and Debbie Harp, from left, shared a meal with fellow alumni in Dallas.

Old friends reunited in Dallas were, from left, Assistant Alumni and Development Director Jill Parker Bankston (1997), Brandi Poche Taylor (1998), Angela Hennigan Kelso (1995), Kelley Kendall Mims (1996) and Jill Cantrell Morrison (1993).

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We at NSU want our alumni and friends to feel connected to happenings on and around campus.

In addition to this magazine and other methods of communication, we send out monthly e-news letters and other e-mails to let our friends know about activities or events in which they might be interested. These notices might pertain to athletics, Creative and Performing Arts, Continuing Education, non-credit courses or Alumni activities, such as trips or receptions. Whatever your area of interest, you can get involved by joining our e-mail list.

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www.northwesternalumni.com and click on "**Update our Files**."

A form for updates is also available on Page 17 of this publication and can be dropped in the mail.

In today's world, keeping in touch is easier than ever. Even though you may be far from Natchitoches, you can still be a part of the university community.

Information related to the school or any current or former students and faculty, personal news about or profiles of alumni, and events or other items of interest to alumni, including reunion plans, are welcome. If you have a news item to submit, please send an email to Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development at maggioc@nsula.edu.

SPOTLIGHTS

Robert Manriquez (2001, 2006) was named Sabine Parish High School 2007 Teacher of the Year and over the summer participated in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Teacher Fund Program. Manriquez is a science teacher at Many High School and was one of 400 primary and secondary educators to travel to Japan for three weeks to promote intercultural understanding between the two nations. Traveling with the program to select cities, the participants have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to schools and teacher colleges. Cultural sites, local industries and a homestay with a local family are also part of the program.

A teacher at Many High since 2003, Manriquez earned a bachelors degree in biology and a master of education with a concentration in the Preparing Responsive Educators program. He teaches physics, physical science and environmental science. He is a member of several professional organizations and has participated in several developmental education fellowships and workshops. He has received several professional honors and has received several grants during his teaching career.

Former Demon football player **B.J. Williams** (1999, 2003) was named the Director of Public Service in Plaquemines Parish. Williams earned a degree in education and completed his master's and +30 at NSU.

John P. Taylor (1957) has published a book entitled "A Cry From the Mountains," a coming of age story about the adventures of a young boy who moves to a mountain farm to escape the violence of the city.

Taylor and his family live on the upper Texas gulf coast. He earned a Bachelor of Science at NSU and is a certified public accountant in Texas. His next novel, "Follow the Sun," will be published this fall. The novel focuses on the hardships of a family traveling to Colorado on the Oregon Trail during the 1850s.

David Eason (1961) was inducted into the Redlands High School, Redlands, Calif., Baseball Wall of Fame earlier this year for his efforts in the 1990s as president of the Baseball Boosters in raising over $200,000 to refurbish the school's baseball fields. David's son Michael was an All-American pitcher at the University of California, Riverside, in 1995 and signed with the Florida Marlins.

Cathy Bethel Hein (1992) was named new head of the CIO Office for Novartis International where she will provide operational support to the Corporate CIO, the Divisional IT leadership teams and to the NITB as its general secretary. She will also manage the portfolio of cross-divisional IT projects and ensure that the recently implemented IT Governance reflects the ECN mandate.

Cathy's professional career spans a broad range of experiences, including portfolio management, service management, financial reporting and the development of IT solutions in Life Sciences and ERP. Before joining Novartis in 2006, Cathy worked for companies such as BearingPoint Switzerland, Lion Bioscience Germany, Celera Genomics Maryland/U.S. and Andersen Consulting Texas/U.S. Cathy holds a Master of Science Management Information Systems from the University of Texas Dallas and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from NSU.

Kathy R. Waits Robinson (1986) of Krum, Texas, graduated from Baylor Nursing School with a Master of Science in Nursing in neonatology on May 12, completing the degree with academic honors.

"The NSU School of Nursing gave me the education I needed to complete my degree and give me the competitive edge to be a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)," she said.

Kathy Robinson

Prior to moving to Texas, Robinson was a pediatric RN at Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport, head nurse at the Pediatric ICU (PICU) at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans, the pediatric head nurse at Rapides Regional in Alexandria and a specialized care pediatric nurse at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev. She plans to work as a neonatal nurse practitioner at the Medical Center of Lewisville, Texas, where she has been a charge nurse for the NICU for the last five years. Last year she was selected as a Top 100 Nurse in Texas by the Texas Nurses Association and was the very first nurse from the Medical Center of Lewisville to receive the honor.

Rhett Crosby (1999) of Laveen, Ariz., had the privilege of working around an Emmy Nominated director in Sedona, Ariz., for a destinations video for Disney. Since signing with MovieWork Now Casting he has received many call backs and participated in more than a half dozen projects, including, The Kingdom, a Gatorade commercial with Derek Jetter, and BBC docudramas Nuclear & Comet. Last summer, he was been cast to play a character on a new TV Show entitled "The Unjust" produced by Red C. Entertainment.

Rhett Crosby

A native of Dallas, Rhett earned a degree in broadcast journalism at NSU. He has over 10 years combined experience in film, television, stage, radio and voice over. Rhett began acting classes at a young age and continue to develop his skills through school and college at Northwestern where he took several theater, acting and drama classes for electives. He became involved in the local acting scene as soon as he moved to Arizona.

College of Business to host Homecoming brunch

The NSU College of Business will host a brunch from **10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 27**, as part of the university's Homecoming festivities. During the brunch, the College will recognize this year's inductees into the College of Business Hall of Distinction. Announcements will be made regarding the Robert Easley Professorship for the College of Business, which is near fulfillment. This professorship honors a longtime dean and professor in the College of Business and was initiated by former students and colleagues. Donors towards the scholarship will be recognized.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the professorship's fulfillment should contact NSU Director of Alumni and Development Chris Maggio at (318) 357-4414

The program will also include acknowledgements concerning other professorships in development and introductions for Dr. Jerry L. Wall, new dean of the College of Business.

For more information or to RSVP for the brunch, contact the College of Business at (318) 357-5162.

New department heads announced

Dr. John Dollar

Increasing enrollment, expanding undergraduate curriculums and increasing career opportunities for graduate students are the main goals for Dr. John Dollar, who has been named the head of the Department of Health and Human Performance.

Dollar joined the faculty at Northwestern in 2003 after serving at Texas A & M University, where he earned a Ph.D. in kinesiology and was teaching in the sports management program. Dollar earned a bachelor's degree in secondary health and physical education at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark., in 1974 and a master's degree in secondary physical education at NSU in 1981 and he has more than 30 years of secondary and higher physical education experience in Louisiana and Texas. For the last four years, Dollar has taught NSU graduate classes in sports administration and hopes to incorporate that expertise into enhancing both undergraduate and graduate coursework in the department.

Undergraduate degree programs offered by the Department of Health and Human Performance include teacher certification in health and physical education and health and exercise science. The department also offers a minor in athletic training and a concentration in physical therapy. At the graduate level, programs offered include health and physical education, health promotion and sports administration.

According to Dollar, refining the undergraduate and graduate programs to meet guidelines set forth by the North American Society for Sports Management and the National Association for Sports and Physical Education is an important networking tool for both recruiting students and placing students in internships.

"The NASSM and the NASPE combined and came up with common guidelines for undergraduate and graduate programs in sports management and sports administration," Dollar said. "In meeting the guidelines, your program achieves national approval status and you are listed an their register of approved programs for recruiting purposes."

Expanding the undergraduate curriculum could create a smooth transition for HHP undergraduates who plan to pursue the master's degree. One benefit of NSU's program is that students work closely with the athletic department for practical experience and many have pursued successful internships and careers with professional sports organizations and facilities. Dollar intends to nurture those contacts to establish rapport with sports organizations, conferences and related agencies.

"Drawing students to a Division I program is a big plus for us because the experience is good for them. Our masters program is as good as any master's program in the south, including Texas and all the Florida schools," said Dollar, whose former students are on staff with the Texas Rangers, the San Antonio Spurs, and the New Orleans Hornets. "The availability of internships is outstanding."

Students must meet rigorous academic standards to achieve the prized internships, which rely on organizational skills and experience in sales, marketing and promotions.

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Dr. Zafer Hatahet

Bringing science laboratories to state-of-the-art condition and updating course syllabi are top priorities for Dr. Zafer Hatahet, newly-appointed chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Hatahet earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology at University of Detroit and a Ph.D. in biochemistry at McGill University. He completed postdoctoral fellowship at the Universi of Vermont, where he began his career as a research assistant in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. He later was associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler and served as an adjunct member of the graduate faculty at Stephen F. Austin before joining the faculty at Northwestern two years ago as a professor of in the department of biological sciences. Hatahet's research interests are in oxidative DNA damage and repair.

At NSU, Hahahet has served as chairman of the Pre-Med Advisory Committee and is an animal of the Animal Welfare Committee and the Faculty Senate Standards Committee, following service in faculty senates and advisory committees at previous universities. He has served as a research mentor to several NSU students and has been successful in securing thousands of dollars in grants to purchase, modernize and install new lab equipment at NSU.

"Biology is a very fast-moving field. In biology, the books that are three years old are outdated. Equipment from 10 years ago is outdated," Hatahet said. He recently secured grants to install a modern genetics and molecular biology teaching lab, install computers in lecture and lab rooms, purchase equipment and modernize the introductory biology lab.

"Classes should have labs. What you read in a book or hear in a lecture is reinforced with hands-on experience," said Hatahet, who believes that research experience in a state of the art lab prepares an undergraduate for a Ph.D. lab. "They can learn skills that are comparable to students at larger universities with huge resources."

Hatahet plans to review courses to ensure that the extensive core requirements in biological sciences build upon each other.

"We will try in the next two years to have a more integrated curriculum so that what the students are learning is in the service of the other sciences," he said, explaining that technological upgrades also have positive effects in this area. "In science, the tools have changed. Why teach the old technology the students are never going to use?

Hatahet hopes that by modernizing the labs and bringing the curriculum up to date, NSU students as well prepared as possible for careers in medicine, biotechnology and the biopharmaceutical industry.

"In order to get jobs when they graduate, they need to have experience with the technology that is being used right now. We can train the students for jobs in these areas and advise them about opportunities that exist. We can also establish connections with companies that are hiring and train the students

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Dr. Jerry Wall

Dr. Jerry L. Wall has been named Dean of the College of Business and professor at NSU. His appointment has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Wall was a professor of management at the University of Louisiana at Monroe from 1983 until 2007 and director of the Center for Business and Economic Research from 1983 until 2005. He developed and taught courses in international business, research and several areas of management. As director, Wall generated more than $3.4 million in grant activity over 10 years and published multiple economic reports on the area.

"I was attracted to this position because of the challenges that were offered at Northwestern," said Wall. "The College of Business is accredited and maintaining accreditation is a different challenge. There is a great deal of potential here because of the faculty present as well as the students."

The College of Business is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AASCB) International. NSU achieved reaffirmation of accreditation in 2005 for six years, the longest period granted by the organization.

"As dean, I want to continue providing a quality business education for our students and maintaining our accreditation by making sure our students receive high quality instruction," said Wall. "I want to build bridges to the communities we serve and make sure we are providing quality graduates that meet the needs of businesses. I want to make sure we offer courses that are needed including continuing education classes."

Wall also wants Northwestern's College of Business to provide students with a better understanding of international business.

"We are part of an international world of work, so we will be exploring international opportunities especially in South America because of the continent's ties to the Port of New Orleans."

Wall earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University, an M.B.A. from East Carolina University and a doctorate from the University of Missouri. He was also a faculty member at Western Illinois University where he was also director of the Small Business Institute and an instructor at Southwest Virginia Community College. Wall was a visiting professor at the University of Iowa.

He also served as director of special projects for the Louisiana Small Business Development Center, editor of the Delta Business Review, the Northeast Louisiana Business Review and the Journal of Behavioral Economics and as co-editor of the Best Paper Proceedings of the Academy of Management.

Wall has been treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy in Pecs, Hungary, and a member of the board of directors of the Ed Plus Foundation and the Military Officers Association of America.

A member of the Rotary Club, Wall was a member of the board of directors of the Downtown Monroe Rotary Club and was a recipient of the Rotary Foundation District Service Award and the Governor's Choice Award.

Wall retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army in 1995 after 31 years of reserve and active service.

Scholarship to honor memory of Pam Miller

A scholarship honoring the late Dr. Pamela Anders Miller, former professor of business in the Northwestern State University College of Business, has been established through an anonymous donation to the NSU Foundation. The Pam Miller Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior majoring in business (statistics or operation management) with a 2.5 or higher grade point average.

Miller was associate professor of quantitative methods in the College of Business. Among her many professional activities, Dr. Miller was an active scholar and researcher who served on the NSU Research Council and was active in securing research grants. Dr. Miller lost her battle with cancer on Feb. 24. NSU's 2007 Research Day was dedicated to her memory.

"It is a tribute and honor to have a scholarship dedicated to Pam's memory," said her husband, Pat. "Pam was an outstanding teacher and supporter of Northwestern and her community. We hope this scholarship will provide the opportunity for students to continue their education and encourage them to be successful, not only in their future careers, but in life as well.

According to Pat Miller, Dr. Miller enjoyed teaching and helping students as they worked toward their goals.

"Pam believed in doing your best and making the most of all opportunities," he said. "Pam would have been honored with this scholarship. She was a compassionate and loving person that cared about her students and set high standards for them. With the support of the NSU College of Business alumni and others, we can make this project a success."

Donations for the scholarship can be made to the NSU Foundation by contacting Jill Bankston at (318) 357-4241 or e-mailing bankstonj@nsula.edu.

Dollar continued

"I see career opportunities that are unimaginable in a field that is not gender specific," Dollar said. "We are matching opportunities with education and providing a stepping stone to an exciting and lucrative career. When you educate students about their options, there is no reason to not have a successful program."

Hatahet continued

to have a strong work ethic so that they represent us well in those industries," he said.

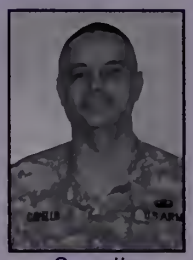
"One thing I'm most proud of is that some of my former students are now professors. I feel most proud for the ones that outdo me. I try to motivate that in the students," he said. "The most satisfying feeling is if you give someone information and then you can see their brain working."

Foundation News

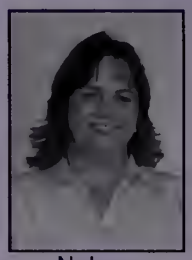
The Class of 1957 marked their golden jubilee and reunion earlier this year by presenting a check to the NSU Foundation to establish the first-ever endowed gift donated by a graduating class to the university. The check for $27,405 will support the Class of 1957 Endowed Professorship. Donations are still being accepted as the group strives to reach a $40,000 goal, which will be matched with $60,000 from the State of Louisiana Board of Regents. From left are Alma Rabb Alost, Virginia Crosno, Dan Chase, Polly Windham, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Mildred McTyre and John McTyre. To support the endowed professorship, contact Jill Bankston at the NSU Alumni Office at (318) 357-4241 or bankstonj@nsula.edu.

Ellis and Juanita Coutee have increased their original pledge to honor Dr. Bill Timon from an endowed scholarship to a $100,000 endowed professorship in math. The Coutees will contribute $60,000 to be matched by the Board of Regents matching gift fund. The professorship honors the late Dr. Bill Timon, a long-time professor of math at NSU. From left are the honoree's son, Bill Timon III, Mrs. Katherine Timon and Juanita and Ellis Coutee. Because of the donation, the department now has three endowed professorships, including the Ellis and Juanita Coutee Professorship, the Ted and Aleane Adair Professorship and the Bill Timon Professorship.

Alumni focus on youth mentors



Capello



Nelson

Major Kenny Capello and Carlene Allen Nelson graduates of Northwestern State University are making a difference in the lives of Louisiana's at risk youth. Capello, a member of the Louisiana Army National Guard, graduated from NSU in December 1993 with a BS in business administration. Nelson graduated in May 1993 with a BA in education. Both are employed with the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program located at Camp Beauregard in Pineville.

"The Youth Challenge Program (YCP) is a tuition-free, five-month residential program for 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts," Capello explained. "During the five-month program, the students learn life skills and work towards a GED. Once they graduate from the course, they enter the mentoring phase of the program. Graduates are paired with caring and concerned adult role models, who assist them with job applications, college enrollment, or act as counselors and coaches."

Mentors must be willing to sign on for a year-long commitment to keep the Youth Challenge Program staff updated on the progress and status of its graduates.

"The post residential staff struggles with finding good mentors for the students," Capello said. "There are just not enough adult volunteers to meet the needs of the program.

"I am constantly applying knowledge I acquired while at NSU," Nelson, who is program mentor coordinator, said. "All mentors must attend a mentoring workshop which educates them about the needs of our youth. This empowers the mentors to help the students become productive citizens. We are always interested in anyone who is willing to mentor a young person."

In the future we will look to our younger generation for leadership and as adults we need to do our part to prepare them for the challenge," said Capello, post residential supervisor. "The Youth Challenge Program is a federal and state funded program. Our tax dollars are hard at work to ensure all teenagers get an even start in life. Our mission is their future."

Alumni Updates

1964

Marilyn A. Lowrey Fleming is retired and lives in Shreveport.

1965

Dr. Carl R. "Bucky" Buchanan retired after 35 years from the University of Cape Breton as the Director of Athletics. He is married and lives in Albert Bridge, Nova Scotia Canada.

1968

Joseph T. "Tommy" Lewis III is retired from IBM and Lockheed Martin and is currently working for an agency of the Department of Defense. He is married and lives in Fairview Park, Ohio.

1970

Thomas H. Worsham III is retired after 37 years as a manager for the Kansas City Southern Railway Company.

1972

Wanda Chicola Ozier is the regional vice president of Volunteers of America North LA and lives in Alexandria.

Dr. Pamela Wright Penick is executive director of the Tuscaloosa County Arts & Humanities Council., serves as administrative assistant for the Moody Foundation and teaches through the Community Music School at the University of Alabama. She is also involved as an accompanist and is a part of the duo piano team with Pamela Gordon. She lives in Northport, Ala.

Charles E. Kelley is the CFO at Champion Steel Company LLC, married and lives in Pineville.

1973

Fred Ray Parker is a professor of education at Henderson State University, married to Sandra Bethany Parker ('66) and lives in Hot Springs, Ark.

Liz Brazelton is retired after 33 years from the Louisiana Department of Social Services and lives in Alexandria.

1974

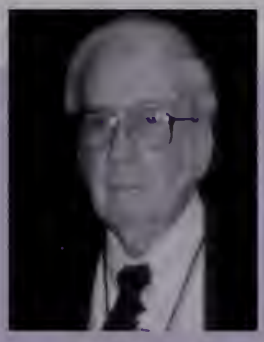
Dr. Thomas Curry is senior pastor at Parkland Baptist Church and lives in Louisville, Ky.

1975

Brinda Irving is a substitute teacher for the Sheldon Independent School District and lives in Baytown, Texas.

Anthony Robinson recently retired as director of Bands for the Marshall ISD after 33 years and is currently working part-time at Pittsburg ISD as Director of Percussion. He is a 28 year member of the Shreveport Symphony and First Sergeant and Percussion Principal with the 531st Air Force Band of Fort Worth, Texas.

Alumni Profile



Jack Hennessy began his college career with the intention of becoming a coach, a decision that eventually led to success in his chosen field of trampoline. Hennessy was a student when George Nissen and Ted Blake visited Northwestern to promote trampoline as a new sport. Nissen is the inventor of the modern trampoline.

"The basic concept of trampoline is centuries-old. Both of these innovators, Blake and Nissen, inspired me to recognize the potential of becoming influential in the development of trampoline as a national and international sport," Hennessy said.

Hennessy was born in 1929 in Panama Canal Zone and left there in 1942 for Monroe during the start of WWII. He grew up in Monroe. At Northwestern, he earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1951 and a master's in health and physical education in 1958. Hennessy lettered in swimming and is a member of the N Club.

"I have a number of special memories from my time at Northwestern," he said. "I enjoyed making friends with so many wonderful people. I'll always cherish my experiences as a competitor representing the university in springboard diving and trampoline events. I enjoyed traveling with my fellow teammates to those competitions."

Hennessy also met the actor John Wayne when he came to Natchitoches to film the now classic movie "The Horse Soldiers."

"I found him to be a good-natured fellow," he said.

During the process of the development of trampoline, he also met two astronauts, Scott Carpenter and James Lovell of Apollo 13.

"My career in the sport of trampoline started when I took a group of young high school and college athletes to the National Gymnastic Clinic in Sarasota, Fla.," he said. "We won most of the trampoline events on all levels of competition. This event turned out to be the beginning of our eventual dominance of the sport at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana-Lafayette) on the national and international level."

From 1965-1982, Hennessy coached most of the world trampoline champions in Lafayette. The athletes were grade school students that were developed by our program at USL and on completion of high school they became members of the USL trampoline team.

Hennessy wrote the first Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) trampoline competition rules and also helped write the international rules for trampoline competition and safety and has served as an expert in trampoline litigation in court cases.

"It was through my initiative that the U.S. Olympic Committee finally recognized the sport of trampoline and supported it financially. This occurred after I retired from coaching in 1986," Hennessy said.

In April 1995, Hennessy was inducted into the United States Gymnastics Federation Gymnastics Hall of Fame. His daughter, Leigh Hennessy, was inducted as a member this August.

"We are the only father-daughter members of the USGF Hall of Fame," he said.

Today, at age 77, Hennessy is an active participant in the sport, though not as an athlete. He is retired from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Hennessy and his wife Ruth have been married 56 years. Stories and photos from his lifetime of trampoline can be found on his website, http://www.trampoline-usa.com.

Alumni Profile

Elizabeth Mooney

The women's wing of Roswell Regional Hospital in Roswell, N.M., has been dedicated to Elizabeth P. Mooney (1978) by her husband, Dr. Richard C. Mooney (1977), an Ob/Gyn in New Mexico. The dedication of the Elizabeth P. Mooney Women's Center, a state-of-the-art labor unit and maternity ward, took place earlier this year with hundreds of people honoring Mrs. Mooney and welcoming a second hospital to the city of Roswell.

Roswell Regional Hospital is a 30-bed state-of-the-art Hospital with five Operation Rooms, two Endoscopy Suites, a Birthing Center and Maternity Ward (named after Mrs. Mooney), Radiology with MRI, CT, and Ultrasound services, Emergency Room, and Physical Therapy. It is soon to be enlarged with a third floor addition and upcoming plans include a Physician office tower and other Medical Services.

Dr. Mooney is part of a 10-member group that formed and developed an outpatient surgical facility in Roswell in 2000, whose vision included the formation of the full service RRH that is now open.

While a student at Northwestern, Mrs. Mooney was active in numerous organizations and was voted Miss NSU. She graduated with a degree in physical education with emphasis in dance and a minor in special education. While in Louisiana, she was employed as a special education teacher and later a girls coach.

After earning a B.S. at Northwestern, Dr. Mooney graduated from LSU Medical School in 1981 and finished Ob/Gyn. residency at LSU-Shreveport in 1985, when the Mooneys relocated to Roswell with their two children, Ben and Sara. In Roswell, Mrs. Mooney worked with the Roswell Independent School District as a special ed teacher and coached the Goddard JV Cheerleader squad. She has been active at First Baptist Church for many years. There, she has taught Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, and girls' ministries while participating on numerous committees, in choir, and at special activities. According to Dr. Mooney, "Liz has a heart for Christian missions having once served in South Africa as a missionary and is the honoree for the Elizabeth P. Mooney Missions Fund at her church."

Mrs. Mooney has battled Multiple Sclerosis since high school but was diagnosed in 1981. She has needed wheelchair assistance since 1992. Though MS has taken its toll on her physically, her spirit and her humor persist and are unequaled, according to her husband. Her courageous battle against MS and the favorable effect she and her disability have had on people's lives has been witnessed by many.

Annually, the Roswell Labor Day 5K, Half-Marathon, and Turtle Marathon: A Benefit for MS on Behalf of Liz Mooney is run in Roswell. The Turtle Marathon is the world's smallest official Marathon and was featured in Runner's World Magazine. Proceeds go to the NM Multiple Sclerosis Society in the honoree's name. Typically over 200 runners participate in the races and many appear just to honor Liz.

Four years ago, Dr. Mooney initiated the Elizabeth P. Mooney Endowed Scholarship is for an incoming freshman Education major at Northwestern.

Dr. Mooney is the senior partner with Rio Pecos OB-GYN Associates that employs three full time Ob-Gyn's and four midwives. His professional interests include advanced laparoscopy (band aid surgery), pelvic reconstruction (for pelvic relaxation and urinary incontinence), and bone densitometry. He is Board Certified and belongs to several professional societies.

"Liz and I are very thankful for the fine education that we received at NSU. We had a wonderful time attending NSU and think of our time there frequently and with fondness," he said.

1976
Surrey Ewing is the owner and president of Creative Castles, Inc., married to Susan Maggio Ewing ('77) and lives in Montgomery, Texas.

1977
Susan Maggio Ewing is office manager and vice president of Creative Castles, Inc., married to Surrey Ewing ('76) and lives in Montgomery, Texas.

Frances Byrne Rachal is vice president of Minnesota Insurance Brokers, Inc and lives in Eden Prairie, Minn.

1979
Mr. Thomas Barton is employed by the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune as director of logistics operations, married and lives in Stella, N.C.

Debra Chambley O'Quinn is a client rights officer at Pinecrest Development Center and lives in Pineville.

1980
Arthur Clayton (Clay) Gordin is retired and lives in Elkins, Ark.

Nan Rogers Holmes is executive director of Talitha Koum Institute and lives in Waco, Texas.

1982
Donnie Eloy McLaughlin is employed by Caddo Parish School Board as a teacher and coach and lives in Bossier.

1983
Mack Palmour is director of admissions at Gainesville State Uni-

versity and lives in Dahlonega, Ga.
Cynthia Tuttle Krych is a research coordinator and lives in Austin, Texas.

1986
Judi Humphrey Gautreau is a business education teacher for Ascenion Parish Public Schools and lives in Gonzales.

1988
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1992
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1996
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1998
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2005
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2006
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In Memory

1940 Millicent Shell,
Monroe, April 19, 2007

1943 Theophile Scott,
Natchitoches, June 17, 2007

1974 Cheryl Perot Donaho,
Natchitoches, July 7, 2007

Looking back

It was a showdown in the final week of the regular season, with the Southland Conference championship and a playoff berth at stake. The Nov. 19, 1988, collision between traditional rivals Northwestern and Stephen F. Austin has reached near mythic quality in the years since. The Lumberjacks were ranked number one in the nation and were touted as sporting the nation's best defense. The Demons were ranked 10th and had an offensive attack worthy of its 14th statistical ranking, while NSU believed its defense was better than SFA's.

"This is probably the best football team I've seen since I've been at Northwestern," said Head Coach Sam Goodwin at the start of that season. He was proven correct.

The odds were against the Demons, although they and the 'Jacks carried identical 5-0 conference records into the showdown. SFA had a home field advantage and was picked to win by every other SLC head coach, one who called the Lumberjacks "Stephen F. Awesome." A wet field seemed to favor the Lumberjacks' power running over NSU's option and speed-oriented offense. The Demons took no prisoners, limiting the Lumberjack offense to just 140 yards rushing and 17 points, good enough to hand the visitors a 20-17 title-clinching victory. Northwestern won its first Southland Conference championship and brought Chief Caddo, college football's largest trophy, back home to Natchitoches.

Records were broken. Future Head Coach Scott Stoker, then a star quarterback for the Demons, fired 172 yards passing, giving him the most in a season with 1,966, which surpassed Bobby Hebert's record. That was among dozens of records broken by Goodwin's 1988 team, which earned the nickname "Road Warriors" for its prowess in a demanding stretch of games away from Turpin Stadium late in the season and into the national playoffs.

That season also included the set of games later referred to as "The Streak," in which the Demons flattened East Texas State, Southwest Texas, a previously undefeated McNeese team, Nicholls State, who lost its ninth in a row to the Demons, and Northeast, Sam Houston, and North Texas.

By the end of the season, Northwestern had stormed to a 10-3 record, posting the most regular-season wins (9) Demonland had seen since the 1966 unbeaten season. The Demons made their first-ever national playoff game successful, winning at Boise State, then fell in a nailbiter 38-30 to Idaho in the quarterfinals of the national championship tournament.

Guess Who?

Eagerly waiting to lead the Demons onto the gridiron; yelling, clapping, jumping and screaming for the student body; encouraging all the fans to participate in the excitement; riding the Demon head around the field – these were part of the duties and cheerleaders of the Northwestern cheerleaders in 1965. Can you name them? The first five readers to call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 will win a prize.

Congratulations to the following individuals who correctly identified Miss Potpourri and her court from 1956. The court included Katina Manitzas, Carla Tatum, Alice Hulls, Billie Walker, Betty Jo Tilleux, Rose Campbell and Jan Fuqua.

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Corpus Christi, TX

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Deridder, LA

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Westlake, LA

Mary Cook–1957
Brenham, TX

Sophie Packard–1957
Natchitoches, LA

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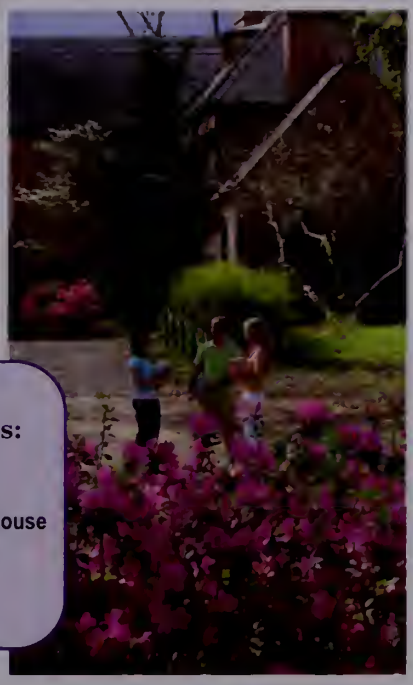

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